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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable McGeorge Bundy
Special Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Soviet Interplanetary Probes

1. Attached is a memorandum prepared over the weekend at the request of Carl Kaysen. It is most interesting and I thought you would want to see it on its way to Mr. Kaysen.

2. At the time it was prepared there was some doubt as to whether the Soviet probe had in fact failed and we were also anticipating the initiation of our own probe.

3. There may be, at some future time, a proposal to release in a highly sterile version some of the information contained in this memorandum. If you desire a sanitised brief of this memorandum which would not violate security or the protection of our sources, please let me know.

(Signed) Marshall S. Carter

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

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General Carter added attached handwritten note as follows:

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"Dear Mac:

I'd like to point out gratuitously that there would appear to be little if anything to be gained by attempting to ridicule a runner who is a quarter lap ahead of you, at least until you have girded your loins and spurted ahead of him. Pointing out another person's failures has seldom led anyone to his own success -- unless perhaps in politics about which I am not witting! (Carter's Fixed Opinion)

/s/ Faithfully yours,

Pat C.

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